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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING,

MARCH 1st, 1878.

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REPORT OF THE
SELECTMEN OF CHESTERFIELD,
MARCH 1, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Town tax bill of 1875,	\$ 50 00
Interest on tax bill of 1875,	6 03
Town tax bill of 1876,	1080 14
Cash in treasury March 1, 1877,	982 14
County pauper claims,	222 00
Of Mrs. Joseph Holt, for a string of gold beads,	3 00
Savings bank tax,	527 02
Literary funds,	101 05
Assessments for the year 1877,	7323 37
For use of Common for 1877,	5 00
Interest on temporary loan,	24 43
For use of Town Hall,	38 50
For old bridge plank,	.50
For articles sold of Freeman Knight and Levi Whitaker's	22 00
Interest on tax bill of 1877,	5 46
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	\$10,390 64

PAYMENTS.

ACCOUNT OF TOWN DEBTS.

Town notes and interest,	\$514 54
Town bonds,	220 00
Interest on town bonds,	79 20
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	\$813 74

TOWN PAUPERS.

For Rawson W. Hubbard,	\$219 78
Darling or Hill Child,	37 44
Chauncey R. Hildreth,	132 50
Freeman Knight,	84 32
Charles Harvey's family,	14 07
Patty Grimes,	36 07
Amasa Buckman,	6 00
Fred A. Wilson,	6 00
Tramps,	10 50

 \$546 68

COUNTY PAUPERS.

For Hannah Crouch,	\$ 52 57
Humphrey G. Albee,	156 00
Clarissa Fletcher,	4 00
Peter Dersa and family,	4 30

 \$216 87

BOUNTY.

For hawks,	\$ 2 40
Foxes,	31 00

 \$33 40

NEW ROADS BUILT.

Paid David Holman,	\$ 54 00
John W. Davis,	560 00

 \$614 00
PLANK AND TIMBER FOR REPAIRING ROADS
AND BRIDGES.

Paid Henry J. Dunham,	\$15 53
Warren W. Farr,	1 22
Henry Chickering,	1 00
J. C. Farwell, for nails and spikes,	88
George and James H. Goodrich,	48 16
John W. Davis,	2 00
Asa F. Farr,	2 00

Larkin D. Farr,	2 50
Ransom Farr,	16 99
Frank Tuttle,	3 29
Fred O. Stoddard,	3 25
Martin G. Wright,	6 48
John E. Joslin,	4 85
William Atherton,	40

\$108 55

LABOR ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Levi L. Colburn,	\$ 62
George A. Spafford,	12 75
Willard Henry,	12 00
George S. Bigelow,	1 88
Martin G. Wright,	18 79
Marshal B. Shaw,	20 85
Levett Safford,	15 41
John Harris,	11 25
Elbridge Hubbard,	1 25
Watson Safford,	8 12
David S. Walton,	7 50
Charles C. P. Goodrich,	4 63
W. A. Patridge,	16 99
Lyman P. Farr,	1 88
Leroy Taylor,	2 19
Reuben Nash,	1 50
Ora Smith,	4 69
Erastus H. Cobleigh,	13 40
Levi H. Lincoln,	5 00
William H. Pierce,	5 50
Alonzo Wilson,	7 25
Charles M. Davis,	6 00
David Holman,	1 00
Thomas L. Fowler,	75
Prescott H. Stone,	2 00
Fred O. Stoddard,	4 38
George Goodrich,	2 00
William Atherton,	60

\$190 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Wm. Atherton, services as selectman,	\$35 00
John L. Streeter,	83 00
George Goodrich,	35 00
Jaffries Hall,	" S. S. Com., 30 00
Hermon C. Harvey,	" town clerk, 29 38
William Franklin,	" constable, 3 00
J. W. Chamberlain, Jr.	" " 1 00
John L. Streeter,	" treasurer, 25 00
Oscar E. Sargent,	" tax collector
for 1877,	50 00

 \$291 38

TOWN HOUSE.

For ringing bell, and care of house,	\$10 00
Oil, glass, chimneys, and repairs,	21 46
2½ cords wood cut and put in town house,	7 63

 \$39 09

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1,	\$172 98
" 2,	132 04
" 3,	97 55
" 4,	101 73
" 5,	171 20
" 6,	108 16
" 7,	106 48
" 8,	103 51
" 9,	110 03
" 10,	148 51
" 11,	88 00
" 12,	95 15
" 13,	269 07
" 14,	96 64

 \$1801 05

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for stationery, express and postage, \$	1 63
Levett Safford, driving hearse,	3 00
Examining record, at Keene,	25
Blank books,	1 38
Tax collector's book,	1 00
Thirty highway S. books,	2 10
One record book,	8 25
One record invoice book,	8 25
F. A. Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
Witness fees on Thomas road hearing,	4 69
James H. Goodrich, land damage,	20 00
Copy of survey of the John W. Davis road,	50
J. Hall, for attending funeral services of John Q. Trask,	2 00
Arthur M. Davis, iron work on road scraper,	1 25
Horace S. Lincoln, poll tax paid in Swanzy,	86
Daniel F. Randall, births and deaths,	4 00
Ransom Farr, land damage,	150 00
E. H. Cobleigh, "	264 46
Harriet Cobleigh. "	45 54
Printing town reports for 1876,	22 00
A. T. Batchelder, entrance fee of G. S. Fletcher's note,	1 00
John L. Ray, damage to horse and top buggy,	140 00
Taking affidavits,	1 00
E. Farrar, entry of petition to discon- tinue road,	3 20
Parker D. Cressy, for a building for a lock-up,	25 00
Damage done by dogs,	8 00
C. C. P. Goodrich, cutting brush in burying yard,	3 00

Printing notice of discontinuing road,	6 00
Discount on taxes paid prior to Oct.	
1, 1877	298 60
County tax,	1042 81
For a dispatch to Wadleigh,	62
State tax,	1296 00
Amos F. Thomas, land damage, and	
cost of court,	173 00
Chas. C. Hildreth, for rep. road scraper,	2 45
John F. Goodrich, drawing plank,	1 00
James H. Goodrich, 2d, powder and	
fuse,	1 25
Charles M. Davis, damage to wagon,	2 00
G. N. Smith, driving hearse,	16 00
Error in G. H. Prime's tax of 1876,	1 29
J. Hall, posting school laws in the	
several school districts,	3 00
Selectmens' expenses on pauper busi-	
ness and team work,	45 00
F. A. Faulkner, counsel fees,	21 25
George S. Fletcher, note bankrupt,	21 67
Non-resident highway receipts,	52 27
Repairing lock-up,	2 85
Due on tax bill of 1877,	1246 77
John W. Davis' note in treasury,	100 00
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	\$5062 19
Totl of all expenditures,	9717 13
Cash in treasury,	673 51
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	\$10,390 64

STATE OF TREASURY MARCH 1, 1878.
LIABILITIES.

Town notes payable,	\$8671 04
" Bonds,	1127 50
Dog tax money,	104 00
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	\$9902 54

ASSETS.

Tax bill of 1869,	\$ 2 10
" " 1871,	10 81
" " 1876,	151 57
" " 1877,	1246 77
County pauper claim,	24 30
John W. Davis' note in treasury,	105 50
Cash in treasury,	673 51
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	\$2214 56
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Town indebtedness,	\$7687 98

ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR 1878.

State tax,	\$1296 00
County tax,	1042 81
Town charges,	1000 00
Town bonds,	220 00
Interest on debt,	600 00
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	\$4158 81

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ATHERTON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN L. STREETER,	
GEORGE GOODRICH,	

of
Chesterfield.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:—Rarely have our schools been favored with a greater number of good teachers in one year, and *burdened* with so few *unprofitable* ones. It is due to the teachers of our schools the past year to say in general they have performed their work with fidelity, good judgment, and good success.

I proceed to report each district in their order.

DISTRICT No 1.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Myra Streeter.

Wages per month, \$16.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Whole number of scholars attending, 32.

Order and quiet characterized this school, and a good degree of fidelity and improvement was manifest at the close.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Mr. G. F. Burnham.

Wages per month, \$33.

Length of school, 13 weeks.

Whole number of scholars, 30.

A prerequisite in this district is "*a wide-awake!*"

This term had a teacher of mature experience and acquaintance in the district. His pupils have, in past terms, understood and performed very well the duties of the school-room. We presume it has been not less so in this last term, though your committee was not present at the closing exercises to judge, by reason of the storm.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Cora Hubbard.

Wages per month, \$20.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Number of scholars, 10.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Cora Hubbard.

Wages per month, \$26.

Length of school, 11 weeks.

Number of scholars, 14.

The method of teaching in this school was skillful and thorough, and the improvement decided and gratifying.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Mary Cobleigh.

Wages per month, \$16.

Length of school, 7 weeks.

Number of scholars, 9.

In this school things went pleasantly, and the term seemed to be a profitable one; yet an increase of animation would have been an increase of power for good.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Mr. E. D. Wells.

Wages per month, \$33.

Length of school, 13 weeks.

Number of scholars, 18.

At the examination of this school, there was proof that both teacher and pupils had *worked* in the school-room with pleasure and profit. The classes were in a high degree prompt and accurate in their recitations. We had fine specimens of good reading—*reading naturally*.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Mrs. J. O. Wheeler.

Wages per month, \$18.

Length of school, 9 weeks.

Number of scholars, 10.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Mrs. J. O. Wheeler.

Wages per month, \$20.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Number of scholars, 10.

An experienced teacher, that long ago learned how to be useful in the school-room. At the close of each term there was gratifying evidence that the pupils had studied and learned profitably. They seemed pleased with their own improvement.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Summer Term.

Teacher, Miss Nellie F. Hale.

Wages per month, \$18.20.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Number of scholars, 21.

The examination showed that this term was a profitable one. Good order, good teaching, — both moral and literary, — and good progress, characterized this school.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Eva A. Holman.

Wages per month, \$26.

Length of school, 14 weeks.

Number of scholars. 21.

The teacher showed a spirit of kindness, united with interest and fidelity in the work of the school-room. The pupils appeared to respect themselves, their teacher, and their studies. Good reading and recitations at the close.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Summer Term.

Teacher, Miss Eva A. Holman.

Wages per month, \$19.

Length of school, 10 weeks.

Number of scholars, 8.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Eva Holman.

Wages per month, \$20.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Number of scholars, 8.

The closing examination of this school, each term, showed an improvement in study highly commendable; yet some of the members of this school have erred in not treating *all* their school-mates with proper respect. Oh, for the Golden Rule!

DISTRICT No. 7.—*Winter Term Only.*

Teacher, Mrs. Emma Franklin.

Wages per month, \$25.

Length of school, 14 weeks.

Number of scholars, 33.

This school was well organized, and at the beginning promised a fair success, — and so it was in the end; but some interruption was caused by a scholar from another district. The districts were divided in opinion. The evil, however, soon retired, order was restored, and the classes at the close chiefly did honor to themselves and teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Carrie Chamberlain.

Wages per month, \$20.

Length of school, 7 weeks.

Number of scholars, 12.

A beginner in the art of teaching, but showed commendable skill and fidelity in the school-room. Good improvement for the time appeared in the closing exercises.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Mrs. Emily Darling.

Wages per month, \$20.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Number of scholars, 16.

An experienced teacher who labored for this school with increased interest and success. The closing examination was a proof of diligence and fidelity on the part of teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 9.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Anna Randall.

Wages per month, \$13.

Length of school, 9 weeks.

Number of scholars, 10.

The closing exercises of this school showed that the teacher had labored with skill and fidelity, and with pleasing success. The order and recitations showed that the pupils had loved their books and obeyed the voice of their teacher.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Nellie Hale.

Wages per month, \$22.

Length of school, 13 weeks.

Number of scholars, 13.

What I have to say of this term's success is only to repeat the remarks made upon the last term. Both teachers were faithful and useful.

DISTRICT No. 10.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Alice I. Field.

Wages per month, \$21.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Number of scholars, 10.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Hattie Whiting.

Wages per month, \$23.

Length of school, 12 weeks.

Number of scholars, 14.

Closing exercises of the *summer term* were a pleasing evidence that teacher and pupils had aimed to do their duty in the school-room.

The *winter term* had a quiet and pleasant school. It was plain that the teacher had labored with all the care and living zeal which she had at her command; yet the organs of speech in one half the school were so much *decayed* that they failed to do themselves and teacher full credit for what they had learned. Oh, for a *living voice* to drill these *decayed organs*!

DISTRICT NO. 11.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Mary Houghton.

Wages per month, \$14.

Length of school, 6 weeks.

Number of scholars, 6.

A beginner in the art of teaching, who labored to do her best in this school, and with a good degree of success. A little more zeal in the cause would be a benefit.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Mr. Walter Pierce.

Wages per month, \$17.

Length of school, 13 weeks.

Number of scholars, 7.

A beginner this term also, who appeared to organize well, and with good promise of success. The school is well reported of, but is still in session as we go to press.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—*Summer Term.*

Teacher, Miss Alice Kathan.

Wages per month, \$16.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Number of scholars, 7.

Winter Term.

Teacher, Miss Alice Kathan.

Wages per month, \$16.

Length of school, 8 weeks.

Number of scholars, 11.

The teacher of this school had a mild and pleasant way with her scholars, and a skill in leading them to study and recite well. There was a decided improvement in this school in reading and reciting.

doing this work well. It needs a *love* for the work as a leading element. An "*aptness to teach*" is another element; that is, to communicate and explain one's own ideas in a plain and easy way to be understood by children. Merely to hear recitations, and reading classes, and words spelled, is a small part of a teacher's work. But to wake up an interest and inquiry in the pupils' mind, and make them *pleased* with learning new things, is more, vastly more. This is *teaching*, and not merely "*keeping*" a school.

A teacher that is "*apt to teach*" will not treat all children alike any more than a true doctor will apply one medicine to all sorts of disease. One child is of a mild, yielding disposition, another is self-willed; one is quick, another is slow to learn. A true, discriminating teacher will make a difference in the treatment of different tempers; also, she knows when to *help*, and when to let the scholar *help himself*.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

FATHERS AND MOTHERS:—If you would have your school well taught and governed, require obedience and good order of your children at home. The child that is well governed at *home* is more than half governed at school. This will shape the child for his place and duties in the school-room, to respect himself and teacher there; but if you talk disorder before your children at home, they will be sure to act it out in the school-room. Allow your boy or girl to *play tricks* in the school-room, or to trifle with *school law*, and you prepare him to trifle with *civil law* at length, to the disgrace of himself and parent. Be *unwilling*, then, to have your child stay out of school a week or a day. Allow him not to play about home in idleness while the school-house is open for his instruction, lest his evil habits spoil *him* and trouble *you*.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

J. HALL.

